

Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists (SOC 39-5012)

Provide beauty services such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp. May apply makeup, dress wigs, perform hair removal, and provide nail and skin care services.

Sample of reported job titles: Beautician; Wig Stylist; Hairdresser; Stylist; Master Cosmetologist



Job Responsibilities

- Keep work stations clean and sanitize tools, such as scissors and combs.
- Bleach, dye, or tint hair, using applicator or brush.
- Cut, trim and shape hair or hairpieces, based on customers' instructions, hair type and facial features, using clippers, scissors, trimmers and razors.
- Analyze patrons' hair and other physical features to determine and recommend beauty treatment or suggest hair styles.
- Shampoo, rinse, condition, and dry hair and scalp or hairpieces with water, liquid soap, or other solutions.
- Develop new styles and techniques.
- Shape eyebrows and remove facial hair, using depilatory cream, tweezers, electrolysis or wax.
- Massage and treat scalp for hygienic and remedial purposes, using hands, fingers, or vibrating equipment.
- Recommend and explain the use of cosmetics, lotions, and creams to soften and lubricate skin and enhance and restore natural appearance.

New Hampshire Outlook

- Average Hourly Wage*: \$13.94
- Estimated Employment 2016: 3,213
- Projected Employment 2026: 3,616
- Expected 10-Year Growth: 12.5%
- Projected Average Annual Openings: 438

Top industries in NH for this occupation:

- Personal and Laundry Services
- Self-employed Workers
- General Merchandise Stores
- Health and Personal Care Stores

* Wage estimates based on surveys conducted from November 2013 to May 2016, Aged to June 2017.

Education and Training

A high school diploma or equivalent is required for some positions. In addition, every state requires that barbers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists complete a program in a state-licensed barber or cosmetology school. These programs are mainly found in postsecondary vocational schools and typically lead to a postsecondary nondegree award or certificate. Most of these workers take advanced courses in hairstyling or in other personal appearance services to keep up with the latest trends. Those who want to open their own business also may take courses in sales and marketing.

Interests (Holland Code): AES

- Artistic — Artistic occupations frequently involve working with forms, designs and patterns. They often require self-expression and the work can be done without following a clear set of rules.
- Enterprising — Enterprising occupations frequently involve starting up and carrying out projects. These occupations can involve leading people and making many decisions. Sometimes they require risk taking and often deal with business.
- Social — Social occupations frequently involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. These occupations often involve helping or providing service to others.

Career Cluster: Human Services

Work Environment

Hairstylists, and cosmetologists usually work in pleasant surroundings with good lighting. Physical stamina is important, because they are on their feet for most of their shift. Prolonged exposure to some chemicals may cause skin irritation, so they often wear protective clothing, such as disposable gloves or aprons.

Many hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists work full time, however part-time positions are also common. Work schedules often include evenings and weekends — the times when beauty salons are busiest. Those who are self-employed usually determine their own schedules.

Additional Information Sources**

National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology
<<https://nictesting.org/>>

To Find a Job

Contact the nearest NH Employment Security office or go online to www.nhes.nh.gov

** Inclusion of this information is intended to provide a convenient resource for research, but in no way constitutes an endorsement for any organization, nor is the list all-inclusive.

Source:

NH Employment Projections, base year 2016 to projected year 2026
Occupational Outlook Handbook, Bureau of Labor Statistics



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